

IN THE UNITED STATED PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: OGIHARA, M. Group Art Unit: 2812

Serial No. 10/716,601 Examiner: MULPURI, SAVITRI

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Title: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE

SAME

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents Submitted: 03/18/04

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Dear Sir:

In the Office Action of 03/16/04, applicant was required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect one of claim groups for prosecution on the merit.

In reply thereto, applicant hereby elects claims 1-19, drawn to method.

Respectfully submitted,

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